sugar under Targeted Public Distribution System and Antyodaya Anna Yojana separately, State-wise and category-wise; and

(c) the rates being charged for foodgrains and sugar, separately under each scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (B) Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the State Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal have identified and issued ration cards to 106.79 lakh and 4.98 lakh BPL families including 32.42 lakh and 0.76 lakh AAY families respectively. The Government is making allocation of foodgrains @ 35 kg. per ration card per month and sugar @ 500 gm per person per month for Uttar Pradesh and 700 gm per person per month for Uttaranchal to all these families.

(c) The Central Issue Prices (CIP) of foodgrains and sugar supplied under TPDS are as under:—

(Figure in Rs. Per kg.)

Commodity	APL	BPL	AAY
Rice	8.30	5.65	3.00
Wheat	6.10	4.15	2.00
Sugar	Rs. 13.50 (APL, BPL and AAY)		

Transportation Cost of Food Subsidy

891. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the major components of food subsidy bill during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the transportation cost to and from the godowns of the F.C.I. constitutes the largest single item of food subsidy spent on the procurement and distribution of foodgrains; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard so that the full benefit of the subsidy may be passed on to the needy consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Details showing the major components of food subsidy bill in respect of FCI during the last five years, year-wise, are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) To reduce the transportation cost to and from the FCI godowns, the following steps have been taken:

(i) encouraging decentralized procurement and distribution of foodgrains by the State Governments

(ii) Optimization of foodgrains movement; and

(iii) Reduction of demurrage charges

Statement

Major components of food subsidy bill during the last five years

(Amount in Rs. crore)

Sl. No.	Subsidy component	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Acquisition cost*	17675	14620	27391	44237	41270
2.	Sales realisation	15061	10661	18363	31302	30914
3.	Difference [2-1]	2614	3959	9028	12935	10356
4.	Distribution cost					
	(i) Freight charges	1633	1119	1712	3238	3010
	(ii) Handling charges	866	856	1027	1298	1465
	(iii) Storage and interest charges	2786	3630	4518	4732	3909
	(iv) Transit and storage shortages	358	248	220	333	485
	(v) Administrative overheads	494	522	584	691	727
5.	Carryover charges paid to State Agencies $	0	0	916	2145	2104

* Acquisition cost consists of cost of grains, statutory taxes, storage & interest charges etc. at acquisition stage.

$ Carryover charges have been included in buffer carrying cost from 2001-02.